

TOWN HALL,
BRIDGWATER.

February, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year
ending 31st December, 1943.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory throughout the year, no cases of infectious disease having been reported.

Captain J. Smart, the Port Sanitary Inspector for the past seventeen years, retired at the end of March, and was replaced by Mr. R.K. Lean, the Sanitary Inspector for Bridgwater Borough.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is appended, together with statistics of the shipping which owing to war conditions has been entirely coastwise.

G.H. PRINGLE,

Port Medical Officer.

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Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending
31st December, 1943. I commenced my duties on 1st April,
and therefore Captain James Smart has supplied the statistics
for the first three months of the year.

The number of vessels using the port has remained
approximately the same as in 1942. The inspections
carried out have not revealed any serious defects. Rats
were found on one vessel and in one case the crew space was
verminous. All defects have been remedied.

(signed) R.K. LEAN,

Sanitary Inspector.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1943.

TABLE A.

	No.	Tonnage	No. inspected by the Medical Officer of Health	No. inspected by the Sanitary Inspector	No. reported to be defective	No. of vessels on which defects were remedied	No. of vessels reported as having had during the voy- age infectious disease on board	
Coastwise	(Steamer	342	26,973	-	73	5	5	-
	(Motor	381	26,690	-	107	3	3	-
	(Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Coastwise	723	53,663	-	180	8	8	-	

NOTE:- Because of war-time conditions all shipping has been
coastwise.

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

TABLE B.

- (a) Passenger Traffic - There has been no passenger traffic during the year.
- (b) Cargo Traffic - Principal Imports - coal, sand and flour.
Principal exports - bricks, tiles, grain and metal scrap.
- (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive - Nil

III. WATER SUPPLY.

Arrangements remain the same as reported in 1933.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.

Arrangements fully described in report for 1933.

TABLE C.

No cases of infectious disease have been landed from vessels in 1943.

TABLE D.

No cases reported.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

Rats were only found on one vessel. Infestation was very slight and was dealt with by baiting.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES.

TABLE J. - Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of vessel	No. inspected during 1943.	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, vermin & other conditions prejudicial to health.
BRITISH	180	-	-	8
OTHER NATIONS	-	-	-	-

VII. FOOD INSPECTION.

- (1) No action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1925-33, as the small quantity of food-stuffs landed had been transhipped from another port where inspection had been carried out.
- (2) There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.
- (3) No samples of food examined.

